

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY,
HELD AT THE CUDAHY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON

Monday, September 27, 2010

ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by Ald Mikolajczak at 6:30 P.M. with the following answering “present” to roll call: Ald Mikolajczak, Ald Bartoshevich, Willie Lohr, and Jack Puetz. Steve Vandervest absent & excused.

Also Present: Mayor Tony Day, Street Foreman Al Hendrickson and DPW Director Mary Jo Lange.

Proper open meeting statement was made at this time.

The minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting were approved with a correction to Item #2 where the owner was asked if the work would be completed, Member Puetz asked that the owner’s response be added stating: “we hope so-we’ll try”. Motion made by Bartoshevich, seconded by Puetz. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the flooding and sanitary sewer issues resulting from the July 22nd storm.** No action necessary. Director Lange gave the Board an update on the progress of resolving the flooding issues.
2. **Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the on-going water issues on the Knezic property, 2606 E. Carpenter Avenue.** Director Lange, Mayor Day & Foreman Hendrickson gave some background regarding the water issues at the Knezic property. The City has invested lots of City staff time and money over the last several decades to solve both surface and ground water issues. Mr. Knezic spoke at the meeting stating that he has had water problems since 1965 and the City has not fixed it. Foreman Hendrickson concurred that the City has done several projects such as re-ditching Carpenter Avenue ditch, construction of a detention facility and storm sewer down stream of Carpenter Avenue, installation of a drain-tile and swale in the CoPart property along the east side of Knezic’s property and the installation of a concrete flume from the Venus Ford detention pond along the north side of the Knezic property. Director Lange stated that the issue is groundwater and this ground water or spring existed prior to the development of the surrounding property. Lange further stated that ground water is not an easy issue to solve and could be quite expensive. Member Lohr asked if it was cheaper to purchase the property than to continue spending money on something we may not be able to control. Mr. Knezic became upset over the discussion to purchase his property. Mayor Day stated that he obtained a proposal from AECOM Engineering to provide a technical review of the groundwater situation and provide solutions. Mayor Day requested that the Board proceed with AECOM’s proposal and review their solutions before discussing the purchase of the Knezic property. Motion made by Lohr seconded by Puetz to have a study done by AECOM’s as fiscally as possible and prepare a recommendation for the Board of Public Works to be discussed at a future date. All voted in favor.
3. **Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding contracting with New Berlin Excavating to work with the Department of Public Works for the removal of silt and vegetation in the Pennsylvania ditch.** Director Lange stated that City crews tried to televise and clean the storm sewer system downstream of one of the largest neighborhoods that flooded on July 22nd. It was determined that the downstream storm pipe was silted to about half its capacity due to the siltation of the ditch along Pennsylvania and both ditches on the north and south sides of Grange Avenue. These ditches are full of silt, brush and garbage and have not been cleaned for over a decade. Neighbors also commented that the flooding has become more frequent over the last couple of years

on smaller storm events. Staff believes that some of the frequent flooding is due to the lack of capacity of the ditches and storm sewer because of the siltation. Lange's recommendation is to get the downstream ditches cleaned and stabilized, which would allow for more storage capacity and flow capacity. The work would have to be done before winter and during a dry part of the fall season. Lange stated that she got a proposal from New Berlin Excavating to clean the ditches. New Berlin Excavating is currently working on the Whitnall Avenue ditching project. New Berlin would be ready to start right away while it's dry. They estimate the project would cost around \$15,000 but it would be based on time. Lange stated that the Storm Water Utility has money appropriated for storm water management. If we wait to get additional proposals we would lose the window of opportunity and the area would be subject to flooding throughout next spring. Motion made by Lohr, seconded by Puetz to hire New Berlin Excavating to do the maintenance ditching along Pennsylvania and Grange. All voted in favor.

4. **Update on the Operator I hiring process.** Director Lange gave an update to the Board on the process.
5. **Discussion regarding manpower needs and the preliminary 2011 operating budget outlook.** Lange told the Board that with the replacement of 5 positions for 2011 the DPW budget is at an increase of 6.92%. She said that she cannot propose that type of budget to the elected officials and has a lot of work ahead of her to get to a lower budget. No action taken as this was an update to the Board.
6. **Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding winter snow plowing and salting.** Lange stated that she is still proposing that we contract out for the plowing of parking lots for the 2010-2011 winter season. In addition, the City clears snow on roughly 5 miles of sidewalk. Due to the requirements of having snow removed within 24 hours of an event – the City has had to do this with overtime. This is very costly and in an attempt to cut costs in the public works budget the clearing of sidewalks will be added to the contract. No action taken as this was an update to the Board.
7. **Discussion & Appropriate Action regarding the wording and intent of Ordinance No. 2111.2 regarding sidewalk installation as part of street reconstruction.** Ald. Joe Mikolajczak asked that this item be referred back to the Board. Included in the packets was the 2004 ordinance regarding the installation of sidewalks that states that sidewalks should be installed when a street is constructed or reconstructed. The ordinance language was changed in 2009 limiting the requirement of sidewalks. Lohr made the motion to re-instate the language in the 2004 ordinance requiring that sidewalks be installed under any condition when a street is reconstructed or newly constructed. Motion seconded by Puetz, all voted in favor.
8. **Committee Requests for future agenda items.** Members asked if the following items could be included for discussion at the next Board of Public Works meeting:
 - DPW Operator I position hiring update

Motion to adjourn made by Puetz, seconded by Lohr.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Joe Mikolajczak/s/

Chairman, Board of Public Works